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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2135**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Germano CARONNI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2135
Application No.: 09/457,914) Examiner: Leynna A. Ha
Filed: December 10, 1999) Confirmation No.: 8208
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR) Mail Stop AF
ENABLING SCALABLE)
SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL)
PRIVATE NETWORK)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2005, the period for response extending to July 22, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include copies of the Information Disclosure Statements filed April 8 and 14, 2005, including forms PTO/SB/08 and copies of stamped return post cards.